

THE ANT AND THE COCOON

(From Aesop's Fables)

Appearances deceive. Never despise anyone, however miserable or bad may look

An Ant nimbly running about in the sunshine in search of food came across a Chrysalis that was very near its time of change. The Chrysalis moved its tail, and thus attracted the attention of the ant. She for the first time realized that the creature was alive.

"Poor, pitiable animal!" cried the Ant disdainfully. "What a sad fate is yours! While I can run hither and thither; even if I wish, to climb the tallest tree, you lie imprisoned here in your shell" The Chrysalis, though she heard all this, did not make any reply.

A few days after, when the Ant passed that way again, nothing but the shell remained. Wondering what had become of its contents, he felt himself suddenly shaded and fanned by the gorgeous wings of a beautiful Butterfly"

"Behold in me," said the Butterfly, "your much-pitied friend! Boast now of your powers to run and climb" Saying so, the Butterfly rose in the air, and, borne along and aloft on the summer breeze, was soon lost to the sight of the ant forever.